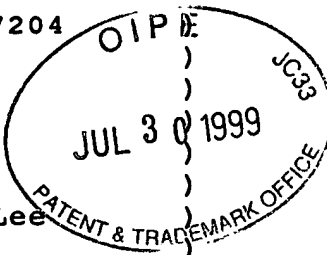


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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Sir:

Please amend the following claim to read as indicated:

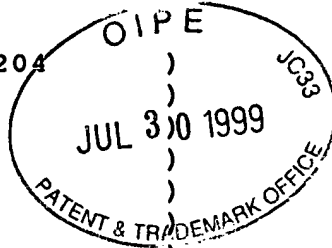
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1. (Amended once) A method of determining validity of a transaction carried out by a user at a data processing system, the method including the steps of:

- a) receiving a user identification card and a first entry of data from the user;
- b) checking the first entry of data against a first stored field of security data;
- c) receiving a second entry of data from the user;
- d) checking the second entry of data against a second stored field of security data; and
- e) determining the validity of the transaction based upon the results of the checks of steps (b) and (d).

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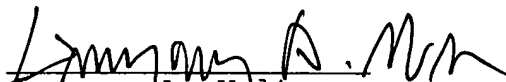
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